



STATE OF WASHINGTON

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND TRAUMA SYSTEM  
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**TO:** First Responder and Emergency Medical Technician Challenge Candidates

**FROM:** Licensing and Certification Section

**SUBJECT:** CHALLENGE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

You may challenge the Washington State *First Responder (FR)* or *Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)* training requirements if the following criteria are met:

- 1. You have never been certified at the level of certification you are requesting in any state or by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT).**

NOTE: If you have previously been certified in Washington State at the same level you are requesting, please contact the *Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System (OEMSTS)* for more information.

- 2. You are at least 18 years of age.**

- a. Submit a legible photocopy of your current driver's license with photo.
- b. If there is no photo on your driver's license, include another form of official photo identification (state, federal, military, passport, etc.).

- 3. You are a high school graduate or have earned a G.E.D. certificate.**

NOTE: This requirement is for EMT certification or higher levels only.

- 4. You demonstrate, to the satisfaction of your county Medical Program Director (MPD) and the OEMSTS, education equivalent to the Department of Transportation (DOT) training curriculum for the level of certification you are requesting.**

- a. The course taken must be equal to Washington State standards.
- b. Provide documentation of your training to the OEMSTS at the address above, including:
  1. A transcript of training from the original training center reflecting course material, or a program outline of the training course.
  2. A course completion certificate or letter from your training agency that states you have taken and passed the course.
- c. You must also declare that you are knowledgeable in the attached *Washington State Specific Objectives (WSSO)*. Complete, sign, and return the *WSSO Affirmation Statement*.

- 5. You have completed the course “*Infectious Disease Prevention For EMS Providers*” (Revised October 1997) or a Department of Health approved 7-hour HIV/Aids course.**

This Department of Health *OEMSTS* course curriculum is available through your County or Regional EMS and Trauma office, or through most Washington State approved Senior EMS Instructors.

**6. If your initial training is determined to be equivalent to Washington State training, arrange to take the appropriate Washington State written examination.**

NOTE: You will be permitted a total of three attempts to pass the written examination within a six-month period.

**7. You are associated with a Washington State pre-hospital emergency medical agency licensed by the *OEMSTS*.**

Have your EMS Agency Supervisor sign your *Initial Application* under Part 'C' verifying your association.

**8. You are recommended for certification by your county MPD in Washington State.**

- a. The MPD may approve your skills, knowledge and ability through written or verbal protocol examinations, visual observation of skills, etc.
- b. Have the MPD sign your *Initial Application* under Part 'C' recommending you for certification, pending the successful completion of all required examinations.

**9. Complete and sign an *Initial Application* (attached).**

NOTE: Part 'D' (Pages 3 and 4) of the application should be returned directly to the *OEMSTS* in the attached envelope to ensure confidentiality.

Please submit all required information to the *OEMSTS* for review and processing. An incomplete or incorrectly completed application cannot be processed and will be returned to you. Only original applications with original signatures from the applicant, agency supervisor, and MPD will be accepted for processing.

If you successfully complete the Washington State written examination and meet all the above requirements, your certification may be approved. Once issued, certification will be for a minimum of 36 months.

If it has been over 30 days since submitting all required information, you may contact the *OEMSTS Licensing and Certification Section* at 1-800-458-5281 Extension #1 or (360) 236-2845 to determine the status of your request.

Attachments